

Through the Keyhole

BY MRS. ROBERT CANNON

HOME for a week's visit was pretty Jean Rhodes McDonald of Columbus, Ga. And the young girl, now a proud five-year-old, sporting two brand new teeth. Thought Jean and Tom they made a handsome picture. She was wearing a blue lace shirt and black and white blouse while he was resplendent in a light blue suit complete with suspenders and a sailor hat, whom the grandson favored and found out that he's a Rhodes all the way.

After a pleasant time here in Elba, Jean returned home to her good-natured husband Bill, accompanied by sister Totye, who visited them for several days. And Mrs. Rhodes will journey in that direction this weekend.



An Urgent Message to Our Governor -- Our Legislators and Citizens in Every Section of Our Growing State

Five-and-one-half-years ago the Birmingham Committee of 100 was organized to promote the commercial and industrial development of Alabama.

Individuals, industries and businesses subscribed \$600,000 to a fund to encourage the location of new enterprises in our State.

This campaign -- vigorously prosecuted on a nation-wide basis -- has been quite successful. In the past five years many more enterprises have

come to Alabama than during any like period in our State's history. Pay rolls of these new enterprises have benefited every section, every white collar worker, every industrial worker, every farmer, every citizen who lives or makes a living within Alabama.

The Committee of 100 is confident that its campaign to "sell Alabama" to the nation can pay off in a far greater way in the period ahead, because eyes of industry everywhere are looking for locations in our fast growing South.

Let's Not Put a Road Block on Alabama's Progress

Two problems are now causing grave concern to the Committee of 100 and other groups that are seeking to develop Alabama. These are:

Threatened imposition of a burden of taxation which would place Alabama at a dangerous disadvantage in bidding against neighbor states for new enterprises.

Piecemeal appropriations and taxation that take no account of the over-all needs of every vital service which our State must render its people.

Committee Asks Governor for Over-all Study of State Needs

These reasons prompted the Committee of 100 to wire our Governor on March 11 asking for a conference to discuss postponement of appropriations and tax legislation until a study could be made of ALL State needs.

Such a study should attempt to determine these things:

How much more taxes can our people afford to pay?

How will new taxes affect Alabama's future growth?

What are the needs for teachers' salaries, for school buildings, for agriculture, for tuberculosis control, for mental patients, for the physically handicapped, for law enforcement, for reduction of juvenile delinquency, etc., etc.?

Only so much money can be raised by taxes. The only way it can be fairly apportioned is to ascertain how much we can raise in such a way that it will not throttle Alabama's forward march; learn the needs of agriculture, education, health, welfare, conservation, public safety, etc. -- then see that it is divided on a fair basis.

The Committee of 100 is not "in politics." Its sole mission and only interest is State Development.

If you favor an over-all study of State needs to develop a well balanced program for taxing and spending, tell your representatives in the legislature -- now.

BIRMINGHAM COMMITTEE OF 100

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

IT'S UP TO YOU

By Howard E. Kershner, L.H.D.

CHARLES CROOK, Evelyn A. Folsom, Betty Harris, Mollie Head, Doris Hudson, Morell English, Richard Head, Jean Jacobs, Dean Nelson, Ann Alice Meek, John D. Plant, Mable Griswold, Marjorie Dwyer, Tom E. Currall, Carol Flowers, Jerry Hudson, Helen Cox, Ans Jackson, Sam King, Gail Lansford, Lee Malone, O. C. Nelson, Billy Owen, Betty Jean Moore, Jo Anne Mack, John Rachel, Darold Rushing, D. Stevens, Fred Tillman, Rosine Tillman, Bill Williams, Mack Wise, Faylinn Charles Wambles, Roy Fuller and Donald McDonald. To Ann King, we send our best regards. Last night, the tall, slender, working underclassmen created a lovely setting at the back-deck depicting the old southern plantation. The young men, all neatly dressed in calico sleep shirts and as usual adding a great deal of interest to the girls. The girls, all wearing with white cloths and accented with green napkins and centered with arrangements of white flowers. Tall green candles burned in low candleholders that

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SHE WALKS ALONE—When little Deborah Lynn Spearman was born, she was so small that she underwent surgery to remove one of her legs. The growth was malignant. Since that time, in the short span of nearly four years, she has undergone four other operations. The last time, in November 1954, her leg was removed. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Spearman of 1917 23rd St. Elba, appealed to the American Cancer Society for aid in purchasing a new leg. Mr. Spearman, a steel worker, and the father of another child, Jimmy, age 2, the cancer society's first "cancer crusader" of the 1955 Cancer Crusade. It is being conducted throughout the state during April. Mrs. Spearman, a member of the society's three-point program of research, education and service, was present.

The child is shown with Mrs. Lillian G. Meade of Birmingham, "executive" head of the Alabama Division of the American Cancer Society, and Dr. James L. Brake, surgeon. Mrs. Spearman, a steel worker, and the father of another child, Jimmy, age 2. The cancer society's first "cancer crusader" of the 1955 Cancer Crusade. It is being conducted throughout the state during April. Mrs. Spearman, a member of the society's three-point program of research, education and service, was present.

The people of Elba, a small community met Sunday for an enjoyable singing. Songs were conducted by J. W. Wood, L. N. Phillips, Gifford, Mrs. Jeanne Kight, C. A. Woods and James Smith. Officers elected were Ramon Johnson, chairman; L. N. Phillips, secretary; and J. T. Rodgers and John Ross, committee.

My Neighbors
By BILL PAULSON



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The community is all agog over the "minnows" which will be given at their new home on Hickory Ave. An excellent dinner was served. Mrs. Clark was assisted in serving by Mrs. Charlie Ellis and Mrs. George C. L. Theeling of Andalusia, L. P. Mullins, D. C. Marley, J. C. Fleming, A. C. Mays, Carl Folsom, Charlie Ellis, J. D. Lee, Y. W. Rainier, J. B. Clark, Charles Roy and Jim Bonneau.

Elba 11, Andalusia 4. The Coffee County Baptist Sunday School Association held its monthly meeting at the Elba

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